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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 10 (canceled)

Claims 11 through 20 (withdrawn)

21. (new) A light weight hollow thermoplastic board, which comprises:

a first planar sheet;

a second planar sheet; and,

a plurality of ribs, each of said ribs having a plurality of fixed gas pockets located therein;

wherein said fixed gas pockets are small closed bubbles forming a foamed extension to said ribs; and

wherein said first planar sheet and said second planar are spaced apart by and are interconnected by said ribs.

22. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said board is formed in an integral form.

23. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said ribs are positioned at right angles to said first planar sheet and said second planar sheet and create rectangular cross-sectioned passageways therebetween.

24. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said ribs are positioned at angles other

than right angles to said first planar sheet and said second planar sheet and create trapezoidal cross-sectioned passageways therebetween.

25. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said ribs are arcuated and create cross-sectioned passageways therebetween selected from the group consisting of elliptical and circular.

26. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said ribs are u-shaped.

27. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said board is made of a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of olefins, styrenes, vinyl chlorides, acrylics, polycarbonates and ethylene terephthalates.

28. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 29 wherein said thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polypropylenes, linear polyethylene, branched polyethylene and copolymers thereof.

29. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein said gas pockets are generated from a

chemical reaction of a foaming agent.

30. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 21 wherein surface smoothness of said board is substantially enhanced by said foam expansion of said ribs.

31. (new) The light weight hollow thermoplastic board of claim 30 wherein said surface smoothness of said board is conducive to printing and graphic art applications.